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The Honorable Harry D. Early
Governor, Pueblo of Laguna
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Dear Governor Early:

Regarding our scheduled August 14, 1980, meeting when we will present our draft of an open pit mine and underground mine reclamation program, we can't see ourselves very well prepared and suggest a four week delay to September 11 or some day thereafter to your satisfaction.

We have erred in our estimation of the time needed to make a comprehensive and meaningful proposal. Without additional time our presentation would be seriously lacking and I believe somewhat wasteful of people's time.

I'm sorry and I apologize for the inconvenience this delay will cause.

I would appreciate your suggestion on another date.

I have been reluctant to admit that we need more time. Even with all the manpower on the project we can't make it on August 14. It is an immense job. To illustrate the amount of energy going into this planning, we have twenty-one Anaconda people on the project. In addition, we have five consulting groups plus three other outside services helping us. The consulting groups have combined, more than sixteen people assisting us.

Much of the work is in the field: Volume measurements, radioactive surveys, test well drilling, water assaying, soil testing, aerial photography, are some of the main effort. Considerable material has been available to us but we are trying to update our knowledge in light of the new and pending federal regulations and the questions raised in the outline which you submitted with your June 9, 1980, letter.

Sincerely,

R. D. Lynn
Manager

cc: USGS, BIA

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